

Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability for Draft Environmental Assessment
For West Side Pump Station, Roseau, Roseau County, MN

Environmental Assessment for West Side Pump Station, City of Roseau, Roseau County, Minnesota. FEMA-1419-DR-MN.

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is proposing to assist in the funding of a pump station to be located just south of the downtown business district of the City of Roseau, near 2nd Street SE and the Roseau River. The pump station would be located within the 100-year regulatory floodplain and would conform to State and local floodplain protection standards. The pump station would mitigate and reduce risk for future disasters caused by flooding in the portion of the City west of the Roseau River. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the implementing regulations of FEMA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) is being prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human and natural environment. This also provides public notice to invite public comments on the proposed project in accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands.

In addition to review under NEPA, consideration of impacts on historic properties is mandated under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), as amended, and implemented by 36 CFR Part 800. Requirements include identification of significant historic properties that may be affected by the proposed project. Historic properties are defined as archaeological sites, standing structures, or other historic resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) at 36 CFR 60.4. This notice and the draft EA provide information to the public on potential impacts on historic and cultural resources as a result of the proposed undertaking, as outlined in the NHPA of 1966.

The draft EA is available for review between October 31, 2005 and November 30, 2005 at the City of Roseau, 1307 3rd Street NE, Suite 100, Roseau, Minnesota 56751 and at the Roseau Public Library, 1307 3rd Street NE, Suite 108, Roseau, Minnesota 56751, during normal hours of operation. A public hearing will be held on Monday, November 14, 2005, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Temporary City Council Chambers located in the Roseau Fire Hall Meeting Room, 110 Second Avenue SE, Roseau, Minnesota 56751. The draft EA is also available for review online at the FEMA website <http://www.fema.gov/ehp/docs.shtm>.

Written comments regarding this environmental action should be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 30, 2005, by URS Corporation, Attention: Nancy Stavish, Environmental Planner, 700 Third Street South, Suite 600, Minneapolis, MN 55415, or at nancy_stavish@urscorp.com.

If no comments are received by the above deadline, the draft EA will be considered final and a Finding of No Significant Impact will be published by FEMA.

The public may request a copy of the final environmental documents from Nancy Stavish at the address listed above.